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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

This Statement of the Substance of the Interview is in response to the Interview Summary mailed October 21, 2002.

In the September 3, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The term "an index-matched to the thermal expansion of glass" (claim 23, line 2) is vague, and indefinite as to the limitation intended.

The Examiner indicated that the limitation was vague because it did not specify what type of glass the index of thermal expansion was matched to. Discussed was the fact that data tables from reference literature could be provided to indicate that the index of thermal expansion of any particular type of